

STATE OF TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 365
SENATE BILL NO. 1627

By Beavers

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1589

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to the assignment of insurance benefits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-120(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language to be designated as subdivision (2):

(2) If a property and casualty insurance policy includes a specified medical expense benefit payable without regard to fault, but does not permit assignment of such benefit, the insurer must establish a process that, when requested by the insured, the insurer shall disburse funds in the names of the insured and the health care provider as joint payees. Disbursement shall be subject to terms and conditions under the issued insurance policy.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 21, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5th day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR